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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the determination of the filing fee and any action on the merits of the accompanying new patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 3-6, 8-10 and 12-13 as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided as Appendix A.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or 2] in which the locus is a crop-growing locus.